

# LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 17 November 2021

# **REPORT**

Subject heading:

Report author and contact details:

The Rising Sun 64-68 High Street Hornchurch RM12 4UW Temporary events notices Mr P Jones, Public Protection Officer licensing@havering.gov.uk 01708 432777

Two temporary events notices (TENs) were submitted by Mr Charlie Faires under s.100 of the Licensing Act 2003. TEN A was received by Havering's Licensing Authority on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and TEN B received on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

# Geographical description of the area and description of the building

The Rising Sun is a public house located in Hornchurch town centre. Astra Lounge is the area of the premises located to the rear of the property. The area is broadly commercial in nature; however, there are residential properties in the vicinity.



### **Details of the TENs**

TEN A is to permit a birthday party to occur from 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November 2021 from 19:00 to 01:30 each night. TEN B is to permit a birthday party to occur from 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 from 19:00 to 01:30 each night. Both TENs are to permit the on-supply of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment during these periods.

#### Comments and observations on the TENs

The Rising Sun benefits from a premises licence authorising a range of licensable activities. The TENs were submitted appropriately and provided to the relevant responsible authorities upon the day of submission. In response Havering's Environmental Health Officer submitted a representation against the TENs.

This representation follows below.

#### Licensing Sub-Committee, dd mmmm yyyy

From: Mike Richardson <
Sent: 09 November 2021 09:28

To: Paul Jones <
Cc: Licensing < Licensing@havering.gov.uk>; GRAHAM HOPKINS

Subject: SRU 135627 - Rising Sun/Astra Lounge TENs

#### Dear Paul

I refer to the two recent TENs for the Rising Sun/Astra Lounge which have been requested to occur on 19-21 November and also on 26-28 November 2021. As my comments regarding both applications are the same, I thought it best to address both events in the same email, however if you would prefer I respond separately, please let me know.

I am objecting to both events, on the grounds of that they will cause a public nuisance from loud music. The TEN held at the premises, on the 22 October 2021, was witnessed by George Pater between about 22.30-23.15. George was mostly in the road behind the Astra Lounge, in Victor Gardens (approx. 40 m from the venue). This event was meant to be a wake, but the level of music emanating from the Astra Lounge was unreasonably loud. From the recordings he has shown me, I am of the opinion that the music would have been causing a public nuisance.

The Council has served an abatement notice on the pub, and the level of music coming from the event on 22 October 2021 would have triggered the service of a noise abatement notice, on the likely occurrence of a nuisance. Unfortunately, as we were unable to gain access to any complainant's property that evening, we are unable to determine if the notice has been breached.

I am of the opinion that the Astra Lounge is unable to contain the level of music being played within it, and as such, any regulated entertainment within the Astra Lounge is likely to cause a public nuisance. Therefore the TENs should not be granted on this occasion. Whilst I appreciate that the applicant intends to use a noise limiter, I am not aware of the make/type and installation, so am currently unable to assess if it is appropriate for the venue, and indeed if it will be effective in preventing a public nuisance.

George and I are meeting with the pub and licencing correspondent tomorrow (10 November) so it may be that our concerns will be adequately addressed, and my objection can be withdrawn. The conversation will include discussing the TENs, as well as the noise abatement notice and the general levels of music from the pub, club and also the new Astra Lounge. However, in light of the tight timescales for commenting on the Temporary Event Notices, (ie comments by today and tomorrow respectively) I feel it is better to object at this moment, and if satisfied, withdraw the objections later this week.

## Regards

#### Mike

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